

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 Plaintiff

5 v.

6 MICHAEL SANCLEMENTE,

7 Defendant

Case No.: 2:13-cr-00120-APG-GWF

**Order Denying Request to Reduce
Restitution Amount**

[ECF No. 258]

8 Defendant Michael Sanclemente filed a letter, which I treat as a motion, seeking to
9 reduce or eliminate the amount of restitution I ordered him to pay. ECF No. 258. The
10 Government opposes.

11 In his plea agreement with the Government, Mr. Sanclemente “specifically admit[ted]
12 that, directly or indirectly as a result of his criminal violations, he owes the joint-and-several
13 restitution amount of at least \$50,575,123.45.” ECF No. 96 at 6. He now regrets that admission
14 and believes that “almost everyone [sentenced after him] got no restitution payments or their
15 amounts were” significantly lower. *Id.* at 1. He is incorrect. Almost every defendant sentenced
16 as part of the Carder.su conspiracy was ordered to pay restitution in an amount comparable to the
17 amount Mr. Sanclemente is required to pay. And I was required by law to award restitution
18 under the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(1)(A)(ii).

19 I THEREFORE deny Mr. Sanclemente’s motion to reduce the restitution amount (ECF
20 No. 258).

21 DATED this 5th day of January, 2021.

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23 ANDREW P. GORDON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE